

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

What is claimed is:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A cover for a stringed instrument comprising:  
a top portion for covering the headstock and tuning keys of said instrument;  
a body portion for covering the strings and neck of said instrument with one or  
more straps to secure the body portion around the headstock; and  
an end portion for attaching said cover to the body of said instrument[[.]];  
wherein said end portion is configured so that the exterior surface of the body of  
said instrument is uncovered thereby permitting a user to view the uncovered body of  
said instrument.

Claim 2 (Original): A cover of claim1 further comprising one or more detachable straps  
connected at one end to a free edge of the top portion of said cover and connected at another end  
to a free edge of the end portion of said cover.

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Claim 3 (original): A cover of claim 1 further comprising one or more pockets accommodated within said cover or on the exterior of said cover.

Claim 4 (original): A cover of claim 1 wherein said cover is made of a fabric material.

Claim 5 (original): A cover of claim 1 wherein said cover is made of a plastic.

Claim 6 (original): A cover of claim 5 wherein said plastic material is clear.

Claim 7 (new): A cover of claim 1 wherein said end portion is configured so that a majority of the exterior surface of the body of said instrument is uncovered thereby permitting a user to view the uncovered exterior surface of the body of said instrument.